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The large lignite coking plant in Lauchhammer-West (N 52/A 13) is being built about 1.9 km northwest of the railroad station in Lauchhammer-West (formerly Kueckenberg). About 1,600 workers, employed in three shifts, are engaged in the construction work. About 12 individual installations for coking lignite will be built west of the road to Gruenewalde (N 52/A 14). Each of these 12 installations will consist of three buildings. Concrete foundations 2.5 meters deep, for all 12 installations, were built in mid-December 1951. The coking operations were scheduled to begin in the early summer of 1952. The lignite will be supplied from the Marianne Pit by a conveyor system which has not yet been built. \*

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Comment. Because the shortage of hard-coal coke is one of the worst bottlenecks in the Soviet Zone of Germany, a new method for making coke from lignite was developed. Details on the scheduled production of lignite coke by the new plant were previously reported. 25X1

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